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*G. K. K. K.* have been freed from direct responsibility to the Berlin Ost-Magistrat, but they have not yet been placed directly under the GAI. Recent newspaper statements that the Soviet Sector police have been incorporated into the Land Brandenburg police are completely false. The present status of the Soviet Sector police is not clear even to professional police officers. The fact that Police President Paul Markgraf is not answerable either to the Berlin Ost-Magistrat or to the Soviet Sector "Oberbürgermeister" Ebert appears clear, as well as the fact that he is not directly under the GAI. Nothing has happened which changes the powerful de facto influence of the GAI and the Soviet Commandant, Gen. Alexander ~~Beloborodov~~ on the Soviet Sector police, but the de jure situation is anomalous. *Al...*

2. Effect on Personnel Policies. The above described situation affects the police at present chiefly from a personnel standpoint. It is at present not even clear whether or not the Magistrat is obligated to pay the salaries of the police. Further, according to a statement of GAI President Kurt Fischer, the Soviet Sector police are now to be considered civil servants and will no longer come under the provisions of the workers' law and the civil code ("Bestimmungen des Arbeitsrechtes und des Bürgerlichen Gesetzbuches, Dienstvertrag", pp. 620 ff.). However, no new civil service law ("Beamtenecht") governing the status of the Soviet Sector police will be written despite the fact that the commitments of the police in relation to the city government -- employment terms, oath of allegiance, oath of office, degree of responsibility, availability for special commitments ("Einsatzbereitschaft"), disciplinary punishment, and so forth -- exceed those normally required of civil servants. During the period covered by their contract, which amounts to an enlistment, the police cannot resign; neither, if dismissed, may the circumstances surrounding their dismissal be inquired into by a court. The

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Labor Department of the Ost-Mark and the Soviet-sponsored labor union, FDGB, are opposing the work status for the police on social and personnel grounds, and maintain that they should come under the custody of the provisions of workers' law.

3. Replacement of Vice-President Arnold Lehmann by Richard Gyptner. As reported in the Berlin press, Vice-President Lehmann of the Soviet Sector police was replaced in April 1949 by Gyptner. According to source, this was done in the direction of President Fischer of the GAI. Source reports that Gyptner to have been a foreign affairs specialist in the Secretariat of the SED. He is described as exceptionally intelligent, a teacher at the Lenin Academy in Moscow for ten years, speaks all Slavic languages fluently, returned to Germany in 1948, a close friend of Walter Ulbricht and is a close friend of Wilhelm Pieck.
4. Appointment of Alfred Schönherr, a Vice-President, and Departmental Assignments. Schönherr, head of the Soviet Sector police, is to be appointed a vice president, thus giving the Soviet Sector police two vice presidents. Gyptner will be political deputy of the police and head of the Polit/Kultur Department; Schönherr will head the Criminal Police, but with the rank of vice president; Hans Seidel will head the Uniformed Police (Schutzpolizei); Hans Seidel will head the Police Department I, and the Administrative Police Department II (Fremdenpolizei). Responsibilities for departments, such as the Paramilitary Police Department, Personnel Department, has not yet been assigned.
5. Transfer of Criminal Police Department to the Präsidium. The Criminal Police Department of the Soviet Sector is to complete by 17 April a move from its present location in Berlin C 2, Dircksenstrasse 13-14, to the Präsidium building in Neue Königstrasse. The Dircksenstrasse building is to be converted into a police jail within eight weeks.
6. Uniforming of all Police Officials. The Präfektur has ordered all Soviet Sector police officials with the exception of the plain-clothes criminal police to be in uniform by 1 May 1949; this deadline probably can not be met.

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